

## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Albert James Yovichin, Daniel Ray Downing,  
and James Alfred Benzing, II

FOR : **HOT FORMING SYSTEM TO PRODUCE  
PRE-CURED INNERLINERS**

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Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Appeals the decision dated December 16, 2003, of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 3-5, and 10.

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